Park (STP). STP is a 100 per cent export oriented scheme for development and export of software using data communication link or in the form of physical export. This also acts as 100 per cent export oriented resource centre for software export units. Under this scheme, the companies can set up their own units. Department of Electronics through Software Technology Park of India, an autonomous registered society has also set up STPs at Pune, Bhubaneshwar Bangalore, Hyderabad, Gandhinagar, Noida and Thiruvananthapuram to provide infrastructure support in terms of communication, core computers and built-up space.

(v) Department of Electronics has launched a project with assistance from the World Bank to study the international software scenario with an objective to identify market globally and to recommend strategies to address these markets.

(c) Software Export during 1991 has been Rs. 330 crores.

Extradition of LTTE terrorists

@1496. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lankan Government have been approached for the extradition of L.T.T.E. terrorists who have been chargesheeted in the murder case of Late Rajiv Gandhi; and

(b) if so, whether the request was made in time and what was the reaction of Sri Lankan Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The matter of approaching the Sri Lankan Government with a formal request for the extradition of the L.T.T.E. terrorists who have been chargesheeted in the case of assassination of former Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, is under Government's active consideration.

Closure of social departments of U.N.O.

1497. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state Government's reaction on the closure of Social Departments of the U.N.O.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): On 1st March, 1992 UNSG consolidated the functions and mandates of the Office of the Director General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, the UN Centre on Transnational Corporation and the Centre for Science and Technology Development. The Government of India have followed these developments closely and hope that they will not adversely affect the UN's commitment in the field of economic and social development, particularly of developing countries.

Assaults on Indian Diplomats abroad

1498. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of assaults on Indian diplomats and embassy officials abroad during the last three years; and

(b) the details of each such incidence and action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) There were seven cases of asaults on Indian Diplomats and officials during the past three years.

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